

(US \$ Million)

	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Balance of Trade</i>
(i) July 90 1442 1713		—	271
July 91 1301 1326		—	25
(ii) Aug. 90 1446 1906		—	460
Aug. 91 1343 1505		—	162
(lii) Sep. 90 1439 2116		—	677
Sep. 91 1412 1528		—	116

Source : DGCI&amp;S, Calcutta.

**Export of Defence Equipments**

2720. PROF. RAM KAPSE:  
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PA-  
TIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to  
undertake export of the items of defence  
production in a big-way;

(b) if so, whether there are any agents or  
dealers, particularly those in arms trade,  
involved in these deals;

(c) if so, what fool-proof methods are  
being adopted by the Government to ensure  
that export of such items which are handled  
by Government agencies including public  
sector undertakings are negotiated with  
utmost care and are free from under the  
table considerations; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government  
to create more demand of such items in the  
world market?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI  
SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Government have  
already initiated steps to increase defence  
exports.

(b) and (c). Defence exports are under-  
taken directly or through agents depending  
upon the advantages and requirements of  
each transaction. Government agencies  
including public sector undertakings endeav-  
our to obtain the best possible price for their  
products. The commission payable to agents  
is regulated under the prevailing RBI guide-  
lines.

(d) Efforts to increase the export of  
defence goods include policy and proce-  
dural liberalisations, marketing efforts  
through our mission and by the production  
agencies as well as other export agencies  
and sales/publicity measures such as par-  
ticipation in foreign exhibitions, exchange of  
delegations etc.

**Social Security Cover for Plantation  
and Agricultural Labour**

2721. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to include plantation and agricultural labour also within the social security cover which is to be provided to workers with the soft loan from World Bank;

(b) whether the plantation and agricultural workers are also proposed to be given assistance from the National Renewal Fund for Workers being set up; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The various parameters of the National Renewal Fund are still under consideration of Government. The World Bank has not yet taken a decision for recycling IDA soft credit for the Renewal Fund.

[Translation]

### Losses in Regional Rural Banks in Haryana

2722. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss suffered by Regional rural Banks in Haryana during 1990-91 and

(b) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to avoid such losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The working results of the Regional Rural Banks functioning in Haryana, for the financial year 1990-91, as reported by National Bank for Agriculture & rural Development (NABARD) are as under:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

<i>Name of the bank</i>	<i>Profit (+) Loss (-)</i>
Haryana Kshetriya Gramin Bank	- 37.63
Gurgaon Gramin Bank	+ 79.40
Ambala Kurukshetra Gramin Bank	- 17.14
Hissar-Sirsa Kshetriya Gramin Bank	- 17.75*

(\* Pertains to the year 1989-90. since the working results of 1990-91 are not available.)

(b) The performance of Regional Rural Banks is monitored by National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development and the Govt. of India regularly and remedial measures are taken to improve their performance and remove their financial weaknesses.

Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the missile "Rocket Aircraft" Purchased from U.S.S.R. about five years' age was tested on July 4, 1991.

[English]

### Testing of "Rocket Aircraft" Missile

2723. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the

(b) if so, the details of the test; and

(c) the reasons for testing it after five years?